

REMARKS

Applicants courteously solicit favorable reconsideration followed by a Notice of Allowance.

Upon entry of this Amendment claims 20-28 will be presented. Claims 1-19 have been cancelled with neither prejudice nor disclaimer.

New claims 20-28 are based on the claims allowed in a counterpart application, which allowance was attained over the art now cited by the Examiner.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants to discuss any questions and suggestions regarding the claims.

Applicants hereby request that any concurrent or future reply submitted by Applicants to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application requiring an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for its timely submission be treated as incorporating therein a request for an extension of time for the appropriate length of time. In addition, to the extent necessary during prosecution of the present application, Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge any required fee not otherwise provided for, including application processing, extension, and extra claims fees, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135 with reference to Attorney Docket No. 7412/88137.

Respectfully submitted,

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